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TAGS: PINR, CA

SUBJECT: FBI ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

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1. NEW YORK TIMES AND WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF FBI  
INFORMANT ACTIVITIES IN CANADA HAVE BEEN GIVEN WIDESPREAD  
PLAY IN THE CANADIAN PRESS. NYT STORY QUOTING JOSEPH  
BURTON AS STATING HE HAD BEEN SENT BY FBI TO CANADA TO INFILTRATE  
MAOIST GROUPS WAS REPRODUCED IN FULL IN TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL  
OF FEBRUARY 17 AND EXCISED VERSIONS APPEARED IN OTHER  
PAPERS. STORIES QUOTED FBI SPOKESMAN JAMES MURPHY AS  
CONFIRMING THAT FBI HAS IN PAST SENT US CITIZENS ABROAD  
FOR INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING PURPOSES, BUT DENIED THAT  
FBI AS "OPERATIONAL" OUTSIDE US AND THAT PERSONS LIKE  
BURTON AND UNNAMED FEMALE IN NYT STORY WERE NOT SPECIAL  
AGENTS BUT PAID INFORMANTS.

2. COMMENT: STORY COMES AT TIME OF HEIGHTENED  
INTEREST IN CANADA IN US INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.  
HOWEVER, STORY LOST SOME OF ITS IMPACT SINCE IT  
APPEARED ON HEELS OF STATEMENT IN COMMONS BY  
MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON CIA (REFTEL).  
POTENTIAL SENSE OF CANADIAN OUTRAGE OVER STORY HAS  
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PROBABLY BEEN DEFLATED SOMEWHAT BY PRESS QUOTATION

FEBRUARY 19 OF SOLICITOR-GENERAL WARREN ALLMAND WHO STATED THAT BURTON MISSION CARRIED OUT WITH RCMP APPROVAL AND THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSURED BY RCMP THAT NEITHER FBI NOR CIA WOULD RISK SENDING AGENTS TO CANADA SECRETLY. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY CONTACT, IVAN HEAD, FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER TO PRIMIN, TERMED FBI STORY AS NOTHING FOR CANADA TO BE WORRIED ABOUT GIVEN REGULAR COOPERATION BETWEEN CANADIAN AUTHORITIES AND FBI AND OTHER US POLICE AUTHORITIES. NONETHELSSS, ALLMAN STATEMENT PROMPTED EDITORIAL IN FEBRUARY 20 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM WHICH FOLLOW:

"WARREN ALLMAND HAS MOMENTS OF INEPTNESS IN HIS FEDERAL SOLICITOR-GENERAL'S JOB. MR. ALLMAND HAS MOMENTS WHEN HE MUST NOT KNOW WHAT HE IS SAYING. ...."AN AGENT OF AN ALIEN GOVERNMENT'S POLICE AGENCY-- AND NEVER MIND THE TWADDLE ABOUT HIM BEING AN INFORMER, NOT AN AGENT--HE WAS PAID TO ACT FOR THE POLICE AGENCY, THAT MAKES HIM AN AGENT--COMES INTO CANADA NOT ONLY TO SPY UPON BUT, WORSE, TO DISRUPT THE ACTIVITIES OF A LEGAL CANADIAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND MR. ALLMAND'S RESPONSE IS, WELL, THE RCMP KNEW HE WAS HERE.

"THEN WHY DID NOT THE RCMP HUSTLE THIS JOSEPH BURTON BACK ACROSS THE BORDER AND TELL HIS MASTERS TO KEEP HIM HOME? OR PERHAPS IT IS THE JOB OF THE RCMP-- AND OF THE RESPONSIBLE CABINET MINISTER, THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL--TO PROTECT FROM HARASSMENT BY THE AGENTS OF ALIEN GOVERNMENTS ONLY THOSE CANADIANS WHO ARE DEEMED TO HAVE THE CORRECT POLITICAL VIEWS.

"SOME MOCKERY OF THE CANADIAN DEMOCRACY THIS IS."

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES ON SUBJECT ALONG LINES TAKEN BY MURPHY AND ALLMAND.  
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